



Government Toolkit: Indicator 1.2.5

Student Handout: Government: Indicator 1.2.5

Goal 1.0 Political Systems

Expectation 1.2 The student will evaluate how the United States government has maintained a balance between protecting rights and maintaining order.

Indicator 1.2.5 The student will analyze elements, proceedings, and decisions related to criminal and civil law.

Assessment Limits:

Compare and contrast the elements, proceedings and decisions of civil and criminal law.

Civil law: plaintiff, defendant, contract, breach of contract, torts (lawsuits involving negligence), damages, preponderance of evidence, petit jury, and out-of-court settlements.

Criminal law: defendant, prosecutor, reasonable doubt, felony, misdemeanor, grand jury, indictment, probable cause, presumption of innocence, plea bargaining, writ of habeas corpus, and subpoena.

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